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SUBJECT: INTERIM QUARTER ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

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1. IN CONTEXT OF WORK OF AID/W PROJECT IDENTIFICATION TEAM
WE HAVE HELD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH NPC WHICH LED INEVITABLY TO
QUESTION OF OVERALL LEVELS FOR FY7-6, FY-77 AND INTERIM QUARTER.
NEEDLESS TO SAY WE HAVE ATTACHED ALL THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATION
TO ANY PLANNING FIGURES WE USED FOR RELATING PROJECTS TO FISCAL YEARS
AND POSSIBLE FUND AVAILABILITIES. HOWEVER JORDANINS ARE
VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABUT US SYSTEM AND VERY POINTED IN THEIR
QUESTIONING. THEY HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH
MATTERS OF FY77 AND INTERIM QUARTER ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE LEVELS.
WE HAVE OF COURSE ATTEMPTED TO FOCUS NPC'S ATTENTION ON
MATTER OF IDENTIFYING AND EESCRIBING PROJECTS IN THE PLAN RATHER
THAN MATTER OF LEVELS OFAID, BUT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ENTIRELY
SUCCESSFUL.

2. AT THIS POINT HANNA ODEH HAS BECOME SUFFICIENTLY CONCERNED
WITH LEVELS AND PARTICULARLY THE MATTER OF THE INTERIM QUARTER
THAT HE WILL PROBABLY RAISE THE ISSUE WITH PRIME MINISTER. NEED
LESS TO SAY WHEN HE LEARNS THE FACT THE PM WILL BE DISTURBED BY
WHAT HE WILL CONSIDER AS A 25 PC DROP IN AID TO JORDAN. PARA 7 OF
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STATE 018942 STATED THAT WE SHOULD NOT PROVIDE INFORMATION ON FY77

ASSISTANCE LEVELS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON.

3. IN THE LIKELIHOOD THE PM WILL RAISE THE MATTER WITH US
WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT: AID ON HOW
BEST TO RESPOND.
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